GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1028
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INTER-UNIVERSITY DEBATE COMPETITION BY ICWA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of World Affairs had started annual Inter University Debate Competition in memory of Smt. Indira Gandhi to provide students a Centre for national integration ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard alongwith the amount spent by the Government for organizing this Debate since its commencement;

(c) whether the Coucil has stopped conducting the Debate; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir, the Indian Council of World Affairs started an Inter-University Debate Competition in memory of Smt. Indira Gandhi.

(b) The event was started in 1986 and was last held in 1999.

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1986 - 50 Universities  participated.
1987 - 60    -do-
1988 - 65   -do-
1989 - 70   -do-
1990 - 66   -do-
1991 - 52   -do-
1992 - 50   -do-
1993 - 45   -do-
1994 - 60   -do-
1995 - 50   -do-
1996 - 52   -do-
1997 - 43   -do-
1998 - 52   -do-
1999 - 70   -do-
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Each University sent two participants. The event was financed through participation fees and the receipts of the Council. The Government had no financially commitment.

(c) Consequent upon the promulgation of the Indian Council of World Affairs Ordinance 2000, No.3 of 2000, the Indian Council of World Affairs Ordinance, 2001, No. 1 of 2001, the Indian Council of World Affairs (Second) Ordinance 2001, No.3 of 2001, the Indian Council of World Affairs Act, 2001, Act No. 29 of 2001 and the the Indian Council of World Affairs (Amendment) Act, 2003, No. 5 of 2004, and as per the defined objects of the Council, the Indian Council of World Affairs since the year 2000 stopped conducting the Inter-University Debate Competition.